

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1, 7 and 11-20 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Please amend the following claims:

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2. (Amended) The heat exchanging fin according to claim [1] 21, wherein [a shape of] an outer edge of each of said plurality of flares is [formed into] in the shape of a polygon[al] [shape].

3. (Amended) The heat exchanging fin according to claim 2, wherein [a shape of] an outer edge of each of said plurality of flares is [formed into] in the shape of a triangle or a tetragon.

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4. (Amended) The heat exchanging fin according to claim [1] 21, wherein [a shape of the outer edge] each of the plurality of radially extending sections of each of said plurality of flares [are provided to locate their apexes with] includes an apex having a regular separation[s] in [the] a circumferential direction.

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5. (Amended) The heat exchanging fin according to claim 4, wherein [a shape of] an outer edge of each of said plurality of flares is [formed into] in the shape of a polygon[al] [shape].

6. (Amended) The heat exchanging fin according to claim 5, wherein [a shape of] an outer edge of each of said plurality of flares is [formed into] in the shape of a regular triangle or a regular tetragon.

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8. (Amended) The heat exchanging fin according to claim [7] 21,

wherein each of the plurality of radially extended sections of each of said plurality of flares [are] is provided with a regular separation[s] in [the] a circumferential direction.

9. (Amended) The heat exchanging fin according to claim 8,
wherein [a shape of] an outer edge of each of said plurality of flares is [formed into] in the shape of a regular polygon[al] [shape].

10. (Amended) The heat exchanging fin according to claim 9,
wherein [a shape of] the outer edge of each of said plurality of flares is [formed into] in the shape of a regular triangle or a regular tetragon.

Please add the following claims:

--21. A heat exchanging fin, comprising:
a metallic plate section having a plurality of tube holes formed therein;
a plurality of collars, each of said plurality of collars extending from a respective edge of each of said plurality of tube holes; and
a plurality of flares, each of said plurality of flares being formed at a respective front end of each of said plurality of collars, each of said plurality of flares including:

a plurality of radially extended sections radially extending outwardly from the respective front end of each of said plurality of collars with separations, each of said plurality of radially extending sections, having a prescribed height from a surface of said metallic plate section; and

a plurality of connecting sections each of which connects said adjacent radially extended sections, an outer edge of each of

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said plurality of connecting sections being formed into a straight line or a curved line expanded outwardly.

22. The heat exchanging fin according to claim 21, wherein a distance between an upper surface of said metallic plate section and each of said plurality of radially extended sections is the same.

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23. The heat exchanging fin according to claim 21, wherein said plurality of radially extended sections and said plurality of connecting sections together form an outer edge of a respective of said plurality of flares, said outer edge is in the general shape of a triangle or tetragon.

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24. The heat exchanging fin according to claim 21, wherein there are four of said radially extended sections and four of said connecting sections forming each of said plurality of flares.

25. The heat exchanging fin according to claim 21, wherein there are three of said radially extended sections and three of said connecting sections forming each of said plurality of flares.

26. The heat exchanging fin according to claim 21, wherein there are two of said radially extended sections and two of said connecting sections forming each of said plurality of flares.

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27. The heat exchanging fin according to claim 21, wherein an entire outer ^{perimeter} [surface] of each of said plurality of flares is a curvilinear surface and is located at a spaced distance from an outer surface of each of said plurality of collars.